

JOIN WITH ELKHART IN DIRECT ROAD PACT

St. Joseph County Officials and
Road Men Pledge Aid
to Project.

News-Times Special Service:

ELKHART, May 27.—St. Joseph county authorities are pledged to join with Elkhart county and Baugo township in providing a highway that will run direct from Osceola to Elkhart city without any railroad crossings. They have agreed to extend the Lincoln highway northeastwardly out of Osceola to a point on the county line road where the proposed new road from Elkhart city through Baugo township will strike the county line road. The Elkhart county obligation under the proposed agreement is to open the proposed road. This will give traffic a direct and perfectly safe route between Elkhart and Osceola, Mishawaka and points beyond.

All Obstructions Removed.
The difficulties that had been encountered "west of the county line" have all been ironed out and adjusted. The New York Central railroad, which owns parcels of lands jutting northward from its right of way toward the St. Joseph river in the Baugo creek bottoms, has agreed to donate the required highway through its property. The Northern Indiana traction line, through an agreement with the trustees of the village of Osceola, is to move its track to the south curb of the street through Osceola, and this assures highly desirable conditions for the Lincoln highway through Osceola.

These things are all indicated in a letter received by A. H. Beardsley, chairman of a special committee, from influential South Bend citizens and the St. Joseph county commissioners. The letter, bearing the date of May 22, says:

"Dear Sir:—It has now been a long time since we have heard how you are progressing with the proposed new Lincoln highway, and so we concluded to write you and to inform you as to the condition in this county in reference to the proposed extension of the highway north of and parallel to the street railroad tracks to your county line."

"A meeting of Mr. Smith, assistant superintendent of the New York Central lines, and Mr. Emmons of the Chicago, South Bend and Northern Indiana Railway Co., together with Mr. McClellan, our county engineer, and other citizens of the county, was held in the office of Graham & Crane, Monday, May 8. At this meeting Mr. Smith very generously agreed that his company would give a right-of-way across its property necessary for the proposed extension of the highway east of Osceola to the county line. And he agreed with Mr. Emmons to grant to the street railway a right-of-way over the property of the New York Central land, so that the tracks of the street railway may be placed south of the highway on the proposed extension."

"The board of trustees of the town of Osceola also passed a resolution providing that the street railway tracks be moved south entirely off the paved highway. This resolution of the board was agreed to by the street railway people."

"The condition is now so favorable that the undersigned are able to assure you that whenever you have reached the point where there is no doubt of your ability to open the

new road as proposed, this county will simultaneously proceed to extend the highway by producing the same to meet you at the county line."

The letter bears the signatures of Fred Ranker, Thomas Williams and James W. Miller, county commissioners; the Oliver hotel, by Manager Frank; R. C. Stephenson, Harry Engman, Jr., F. A. Miller, George L. O'Brien, Clarence Sedgwick, Sam Leeper and Donald MacGregor.

The letter and its pledge is the result of conferences held by two committees and others some months ago, following the appointment of a special committee by the Century club's public service board, with Mr. Beardsley as chairman.

Elkhart bankers are making preparations for entertaining the seventh annual meeting of group two of the Indiana Bankers' association in this city next Thursday. Fully 100 members from eight counties are expected to take part.

The Century club will be the scene of two sessions and a luncheon to be served in the auditorium at 12:15 o'clock, Mrs. Blenda Magnuson catering.

Morning Session.

The business session will be held in the morning in the cafe of the club, where the group chairman, W. H. Gardner, president of the Farmers' National bank of Valparaiso, will preside. The group secretary, J. R. Allen, cashier of the Indiana Harbor National bank, will make his report, and Frank J. Pitner of LaPorte, president of the Indiana Bankers' association, will deliver an address.

Following the luncheon, Mayor Frank E. Smith will welcome the visitors and the response will be by Myron Campbell, cashier of the South Bend National bank. The following addresses are scheduled for the afternoon session: "Bank Advertising," F. E. Davis, president of the Citizens' National bank of Tipton; "Taxation," Fred A. Sims, a former secretary of state, a former member of the state tax board and now president of the Bankers' Investment Co. of Indianapolis.

Musical Features.

The musical part of the program will be given under the direction of James F. Boyer, director of the Instrument City band, and head of the newly organized Instrument City All Star orchestra, which will render a number of selections. H. Benton Henton, saxophonist, and Hobart A. Davis, flute soloist, will give special renditions.

Following the afternoon program the visitors will be taken for an automobile ride over the city. For those who will remain through the evening supper tickets will be provided at the Bucklen hotel and tickets of admission at a local theater.

Andrew Smith of Indianapolis, secretary of the state association, is expected to be present as well as a number of other prominent bankers of Indianapolis, Chicago and Cleveland.

The local general committee on arrangements for the event consists of L. M. Simpson, chairman; John I. Liver, secretary; and W. H. Knickerbocker, treasurer. The officers and directors of Elkhart banks constitute the reception committee.

It is reported that Elkhart saloonmen who were prohibited from selling hot lunches by a ruling of the county commissioners when their last licenses were granted are selling the lunches in defiance of the restraining order. It is also reported that the proprietors of restaurants in response to whose appeal the ruling was made, are about to cause the arrest of the offending saloonmen for violating the order. The saloonmen, it is stated, had been advised to discontinue the sale of hot lunches pending the result of an appeal the saloonmen have filed from the ruling of the commissioners. The case, which is in the superior court, cannot be heard until jury cases are disposed of, as it is a court case.

SEEK 10 MILLION DOLLAR FUND FOR M. E. PASTORS

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., May 27.—Authorization of a campaign to raise \$10,000,000 for the pension fund for retired Methodist ministers and their widows was given Friday by the general conference, which adopted a resolution continuing an effort begun eight years ago to provide an adequate compensation for the clergy when they are too old for active work.

Four years ago the goal was set at \$5,000,000 but this amount was found insufficient. Plans were adopted to provide the necessary funds to finance the campaign. Authority was given to annual conferences to create a permanent endowment fund for local preachers.

NOTICE TO VETERANS.

Poinsett Garrison No. 93, A. & N. U., assemblies May 30, 8 a. m. at 321 S. Michigan st. Uniforms if possible. Sailors in leghins. Move 8:45 for Howard park. Thence 9:30 to Mishawaka. Assemble 1 p. m. at headquarters. Move 2 p. m. for parade. Headquarters open all day and ladies serve lunch to all comrades. All veterans and service men cordially invited to come with us.

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